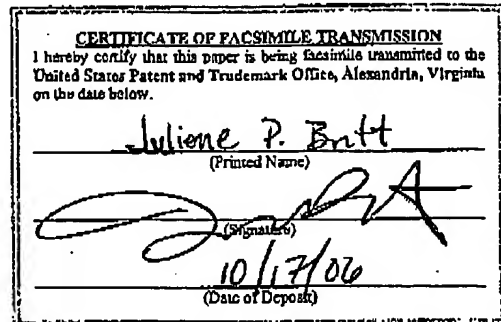


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This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated May 3, 2006, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

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